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Dear Sir:

In support of the attached Request for Continued Examination under 37 § C.F.R. 1.114, Applicant requests entry and consideration of this submission. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AUTO/0512.C1/JKS for any fees, including extension of time fees, excess claim fees and/or RCE filing fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The claims submitted for continued examination are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.